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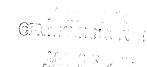
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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of August 23, 2004, please amend the above identified application as follows, consider the following remarks and reconsider the application. Attached hereto is a Petition for a two-Month Extension of Time, and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), providing for a timely response up to and including January 23, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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